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SUBJECT: KOREA AT THE 30TH UNGA

REF: A) STATE 225930; B) STATE 228333

1. I DISCUSSED KOREAN QUESTION AT LENGTH WITH TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS PERMANENT SECRETARY SEIGNORET OCTOBER 6. SEIGNORET WAS THE T&T PERMANENT REP AT THE UN UNTIL AUGUST 1975 AND IS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH ISSUE AND HISTORY OF UN CONSIDERATION THEREOF.

2. ALTHOUGH INSTRUCTIONS IN REF B ESSENTIALLY SOUGHT ONLY ASSURANCE THAT GOTT WOULD DO NO WORSE THAN ABSTAIN ON ALL SUBSTANTIVE AND PROCEDURAL VOTES, I FIRST DREW HEAVILY ON GUIDELINES IN REF A TO DISCUSS SUBSTANCE OF KOREA ISSUE AND ITS VITAL IMPORTANCE TO USG.

3. SEIGNORET NOTED THAT, WHILE NO FINAL DECISION HAD YET BEEN MADE AND PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS HIMSELF WOULD BE INVOLVED, HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED TO GOTT MISSION IN NEW YORK WOULD AGAIN CALL FOR ABSTENTION ON THIS ISSUE. IF SO, HE ASSURED ME THAT GOTT WOULD ABSTAIN EQUALLY ON PROCEDURAL VOTES AND WOULD TAKE
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COGNIZANCE OF STRONG REPRESENTATIONS USG HAD MADE ON

THIS SUBJECT.

4. SEIGNORET REAFFIRMED DECISION TAKEN AT TIME OF INDEPENDENCE THAT GOTT WOULD NOT INVOLVE ITSELF IN POLITICAL ISSUES OF THOSE DIVIDED STATES WHOSE DIVISION RESULTED FROM AFTERMATH OF WORLD WAR II UNTIL PROBLEMS THUS CREATED WERE RESOLVED.

5. ROK HAS LAUNCHED MAJOR PROPAGANDA EFFORT HERE IN PAST TEN DAYS. FIFTEEN-MINUTE ROKG FILM WAS SHOWN ON PRIME TIME TELEVISION. FULL PAGE ADVERTISEMENTS HAVE APPEARED IN DAILY NEWSPAPERS WITH ARTICLES ON THE PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT OF ROK, AND FEATURES HAVE APPEARED ON THE EDITORIAL PAGE ON THE PRINCIPAL DAILY. EMBASSY HAS HEARD THERE IS A VISITING SOUTH KOREAN IN TOWN ARRANGING AND PAYING FOR THIS PUBLICITY, BUT THUS FAR HE HAS SOUGHT NO CONTACT WITH AMERICAN EMBASSY. GIVEN PSYCHOLOGY OF PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS, WE ONLY HOPE KOREAN DOES NOT PREJUDICE GOTT ACTIONS THROUGH PUBLIC OVERKILL OF THE ROK CASE. WILLIAMS IN THE PAST HAS NOT TAKEN KINDLY TO EXCESSIVE FOREIGN LOBBYING OVER HIS HEAD TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO PUBLIC.
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